

Student Organization

Family & Consumer Sciences programs are required to have an affiliated FCCLA (*Family, Career & Community Leaders of America*) chapter as an integral part of the instructional program.



FCCLA is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only Career and Technical Student Organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

Involvement in FCCLA offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication necessary in the home and workplace.

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Entrepreneurial Experience (E²)

*Developing
Knowledge, Skills,
Attitudes & Behavior*

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Entrepreneurial Experience

Participating in a new business creation is a common activity among U.S. workers over the course of their careers; and in recent years, entrepreneurial endeavors have been described as a major driver of economic growth in both the United States and Western Europe.

Entrepreneurial Experience is a one-year course in which students attain experience researching the market and identifying the need for a product or service. Students will create, produce, and market a product or service as part of the program. This program provides students the opportunity to determine the characteristics of entrepreneurs, and to track the establishment of a successful business from the inception as an entrepreneurial idea. As an enrichment activity, students are encouraged to launch their own entrepreneurial effort outside the school-based enterprise.

THINK
BIG
DREAM
BIG

Careers

The career options for entrepreneurs are unlimited. As E² relates to the core content of the Family and Consumer Sciences programs, options for the school-based enterprise may include, but certainly are not limited to:

- Community Connections
- Family Resources
- Consumer Services
- Early Childhood Services
- Facilities Management
- Food Production and Services
- Nutrition and Wellness
- Hospitality
- Housing, Interior Design, and Furnishings
- Textiles, Fashion, and Apparel

Course Approval

School districts wanting to add E² as an elective option to a career pathway program of study in Family and Consumer Sciences, Food Production, Management and Services, Culinary Arts, or Consumer Services must have prior approval and training. Districts may utilize Perkins funds for the purchase of needed, specialized equipment, provided the curriculum and in-service components are included. A list of equipment and supplies, appropriate for the planned school-based enterprise, will be developed by the districts with the assistance of the state staff or program manager. Training for new or replacement teachers will be offered on a rotation basis as needed.

Programs of Study

In order to complete a program of study, a student must complete three units in a defined sequence of courses. Entrepreneurial Experience serves as an elective option in the following programs of study:

- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Culinary Arts
- Food Production, Management & Services
- Consumer Services



Other Programs of Study

Other programs of study which are approved by the Office of Family and Consumer Sciences are:

- Education & Training
- Childcare Guidance, Management and Services
- Lodging Management
- Cosmetology

For information about implementing any of these programs, please contact the Office of Family and Consumer Sciences at:

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